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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4001

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: UPDATE OF RESETTLEMENT OF 180 REFUGEES FROM FRENCH  
REGISTERED VESSEL CHEVALIER PAUL

REF: PARIS 29493

1. RE PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 7 (D), REFTEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
PAOLINI HAS HIS FACTS A BIT TWISTED. THE FRENCH REGIS-  
TERED CHEVALIER PAUL ARRIVED SINGAPORE JULY 5 AND DIS-  
CHARGED 180 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES UNDER STANDARD 90-DAY  
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FRENCH RESETTLEMENT GUARANTEE SIMILAR TO THOSE THE USG,  
THE FRENCH, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTENDING.  
PAOLINI MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD FACT THAT AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 5, ONLY 30 DAYS REMAIN OF THE 90-DAY  
PERIOD.

2. BASED ON REFUGEE BIO DATA SUPPLIED TO EMBASSY

BY UNHCR REP. ON JULY 20, A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CAT. I & II REFUGEES FROM THE VESSEL INDICATED THAT 31 OF THEM MIGHT QUALIFY FOR THE U.S. PROGRAM. THIS INFORMATION, OF WHICH THE LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE WAS PREVIOUSLY AWARE, WAS PASSED TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR JACQUES GASSEAU ON SEPTEMBER 1. WE WERE NOT ABLE AT THAT TIME TO GIVE HIM ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT WE WOULD TAKE ALL 31, HOWEVER, SINCE THEY HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED BY INS.

4. THE 31 REFUGEES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED FOR U.S. RESETTLEMENT BY INS OFFICER BOYCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LRP CRITERIA DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 6 VISIT TO SINGAPORE. EMBASSY IS NOW ASKING THE GOS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THEIR STAY WHEN THE FRENCH GUARANTEE EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 6. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED.

5. AT NO TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS THE GOS DEMANDED GUARANTEES WITH SHORTER THAN A 90-DAY TIME LIMIT OR FORCED ANY REFUGEES ON STANDARD 90-DAY GUARANTEE TO LEAVE IN A SHORTER TIME. ON THE CONTRARY, SINGAPORE HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN GRANTING EXTENSIONS OF STAY TO THOSE WHO ARE ACCEPTED BY THE U.S. WHILE UNDER THE GUARANTEE OF A THIRD COUNTRY AND TO THOSE WHOSE TRAVEL HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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UNAVOIDABLE DELAYED. HANDLING OF REFUGEES GUARANTEED BY OTHER ACCEPTING COUNTRIES HAS GENERALLY BEEN GOOD. IN THE CASE OF THE CHEVALIER PAUL, HOWEVER, FRANCE HAS MOVED ONLY 13 OF THE 180 REFUGEES FROM THIS GROUP TO PARIS SO FAR AND HAS BEEN PRESSING OTHER NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE U.S., TO ACCEPT A LARGER NUMBER OF THEM.  
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